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SUBJECT: LA MALFA PROPOSAL FOR AGREEMENT AMONG POLITICAL PARTIES

1. UGO LAMALFA HAS HASTENED TO CORRECT SOME MISTAKEN IMPRESSIONS IN THE PRESS AND ELSEWHERE THAT HIS CALL FOR AN AGREEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG ALL PARTIES OF THE SO CALLED CONSTITUTIONAL ARC (THAT IS EXCLUDING THE NEO-FASCIST MSI) IMPLIES THE COMPOSITION OF A NATIONAL EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT TO REPLACE THE CURRENT MINORITY DC ONE PARTY GOVERNMENT. ON THE CONTRARY, LA MALFA EXPLAINED, HIS PROPOSAL IS MOTIVATED BY A CONCERN TO PROLONG THE LIFE OF THE CURRENT MORO GOVERNMENT. UNLESS SOME UNDERSTANDING IS REACHED AMONG THE DEMOCRATIC FORCES IN ITALY, LA MALFA BELIEVES PARTY DISSENSIONS OVER ISSUES SUCH AS ABORTION WILL RESULT IN DISTRACTING PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES AND A SHORTENING OF THE LIFE OF THE MORO GOVERNMENT. THIS WOULD FURTHER PROLONG ATTEMPTS TO SOLVE THE WORSENING ECONOMIC SITUATION.

2. FOLLOWING A MEETING OF THE PRI NATIONAL COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 27, PARTY PRESIDENT LA MALFA DECLARED THAT THE RECENT POLITICAL CRISIS, WHICH ENDED THE TWO PARTY DC-PRI COALITION, SERIOUSLY WEAKENED THE ABILITY OF THE COUNTRY'S GOVERNING FORCES TO COPE WITH ITALY'S SERIOUS ECONOMIC SHORTCOMINGS.

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LA MALFA PROPOSED THEREFORE THAT ALL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES AND

OTHER SOCIAL FORCES SUCH AS THE LABOR UNIONS MEET TO DISCUSS A COMMON PLATFORM TO PROPOSE SOLUTIONS TO THREE IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS: A) CONTROLLING AND LIMITING CURRENT PUBLIC EXPENDITURES, WHICH ARE ACCELERATING INFLATIONARY PROCESSES; B) REVITALIZING THE COUNTRY'S PRODUCTIVITY; AND C) REORGANIZING THE STATE OWNED SECTOR, WHICH CONTROLS MORE THAN HALF OF ITALIAN INDUSTRY.

3. COMMENT. LA MALFA'S CORRECTION OF SUGGESTIONS THAT HE WAS CALLING FOR A NATIONAL EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT IS PREMISED ON A CONCERN TO MAKE CLEAR HE DOES NOT RPT NOT ADVOCATE PCI PARTICIPATION IN ANY POST MORO GOVERNMENT. HE SEEMS INSTEAD TO BE REVERTING BACK TO THE CASANDRA STANCE WHICH HE TYPICALLY FOLLOWS WHEN THE PRI IS NOT RPT NOT A COALITION PARTNER.
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